THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.6206 OF 2005

ORAL ORDER:

Petitioners claim to be licensees for sale of Indian Liquor/Foreign Liquor by Bar. It is stated that by virtue of orders of the Collector & District Magistrate dated 20.09.2005, declaring 24.09.2005 & 26.09.2005 and 21.10.2005 to 23.10.2005 as dry days in connection with Municipal Elections and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies elections, respectively, for preservation of public peace, they could not run their business on the said dates. Thus, it is claimed that they are entitled to refund of proportionate licence fee during the closure days. It is stated that they made several representations, but the respondents failed to consider their request. Hence, this Writ Petition seeking a declaration that the inaction on the part of the 2nd respondent in refunding proportionate licence fee is arbitrary and illegal.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned Government Pleader for Excise, appearing for respondents, and keeping in view the fact that independent representations made by the petitioners are received in the Office of the Excise Superintendent, Prohibition & Excise in December, 2005, I deem it appropriate to direct the 2nd respondent to consider the request of the petitioners for refund of proportionate licence fee, and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The Writ Petition is accordingly, disposed of. No costs.

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(G. ROHINI, J.)

28th March, 2006.

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Between:

A. Sudhakar and others. .. Petitioners.

And

The District Collector (Proh. & Excise),

Warangal and another. .. Respondents.